

has been made by BRPSE for revival of Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL). BRPSE has made certain recommendations for financial restructuring of MFL including some changes in pricing policies of fertilizers produced by MFL which are under consideration.

Drug Banks

†1829. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to set up 'Drug Banks' in all districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have consulted with various drug manufacturing companies in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) A scheme of District Level Drug Bank in various States has been proposed in the draft National Pharmaceutical Policy 2006 with the objective to provide cheaper medicines to common man and free medicines to BPL families. The scheme envisages public-private partnership to set up such drug banks which can be operated like such stores being managed in States like Rajasthan through Medicare Societies. Modalities of the scheme are being worked out in consultation with States and Pharma Industry Associations.

Refinery based fertilizer plants

1830. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider refinery integrated fertilizer plants to make use of vacuum residue from refinery processing or coal through clean coal technologies as feedstock for ammonia plants; and

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